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RSC Update: No Debt-Ceiling Increase without Cut, Cap, and Balance

From the Chairman

After celebrating Independence Day, I am reminded once again what our Founding Fathers intended for America. In the Declaration of Independence they set the framework for the American Dream. And this dream did not include a government that unfairly taxes and regulates citizens and private enterprises because of its failure to live within its means.

After focusing for the last few months on a \$2 trillion or more debt limit increase, some in Washington are now talking about a smaller increase to buy another seven months or so. I believe Washington must show some discipline for once. Cuts promised today could become spending increases tomorrow unless we pass a [Balanced Budget Amendment](#) to the Constitution. As a growing number of Americans have pledged, I will not consider any [debt-ceiling increase](#) – regardless of the size – without [immediate cuts](#), enforceable [caps on spending](#), and a [Balanced Budget Amendment](#) being sent to the states.

God Bless,

Congressman Jim Jordan
Chairman, Republican Study Committee

RSC Media Activity – RSC members work hard to ensure that the conservative viewpoint is well-represented in all corners of the media. Visit our [Media Center](#) for more.

- Rep. Tom Price (GA-06): [Cutting What Washington Has Yet to Spend and Cannot Afford](#); Townhall, June 28.
- Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-05): [The Last Debt-Ceiling Debate America Will Ever Have](#); Washington Times, July 1.
- Rep. John Kline (MN-02): [Republican Plan Empowers the Job Creators](#); Rochester Post Bulletin, July 1.
- Rep. Rick Crawford (AR-01): [Getting the First District Back to Work](#); Paragould Daily Press, July 1.
- Rep. Pete Olson (TX-22): [Debt Limit Talks a Chance to Make Meaningful Cuts](#); Sugar Land Sun, July 5.

- Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI-02): [U.S. Has Modern Answer to Medicare Problem](#); Detroit Free Press, July 5.

House Floor Activity – The following key legislation came through the House of Representatives recently.

- The House was not in session last week.

Outlook – A quick look at what’s on the horizon.

- On Wednesday, the House is expected to continue consideration of [H.R. 2219](#), the *2012 Department of Defense Appropriations Act*, with a potential vote Thursday or Friday.
- On Wednesday, the House is also expected consider H.Res. 268, which reaffirms the United States’ commitment to a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through direct Israeli negotiations, and H.R. 515, the *Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act*.
- On Thursday or Friday, the House is expected to begin consideration of H.R. 2354 the *Energy and Water Appropriations Act*, and H.R. 1309, the *Flood Insurance Act*.

RSC Reports

- Each week the House is in session, the RSC Budget and Spending Taskforce compiles a [weekly report](#) on the latest budget and spending news. Additionally, the [RSC Money Monitor](#) tracks how bills passed by the House affect authorizations, mandatory spending, and federal government revenue.

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